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To Mr. *Cooke* Curate of *KINGSTON* and Ordinary of *Surry*; Another to Mr. *Broughton* Vicar of *KINGSTON*; and a Third to the Reverend Mr. *L'Herondel*:

WITH

A particular Account of his Behaviour some Days before his Execution, by all the aforesaid Clergy-men.

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An Account writ by Richard Noble *the Afternoon before his Execution.*

I Have ſince my Confinement (under Sentence of Death) to this very hour, been under the greateſt Expectation of a ſhort Reprieve; eſpecially for that I was credibly aſſured the Lord Chief Juſtice *Parker* had promiſed to grant it for my *Clients* ſake, in caſe they would make Affidavit before him, of their having Papers and Writings in my hands, which Condition (I'm told) was performed on their Part.

If ſuch Promiſe was made, I heartily forgive him, in not performing it.

This Diſappointment I aſſign as the true Reaſon of my being very brief in the Account, which otherwiſe might have been incumbent on, or at leaſt have expected from me, to have inlarged upon.

I have been often told, that it hath been reported I have acted Criminal Indecencies with Mrs. *Salisbury*, and Mrs. *Elizabeth Nevil* (the Mother and Siſter of Mrs. *Mary Sayer*) and that both or one of them were, or was privy to, or countenancing of ſuch unlawful Acts of mine, with the ſaid Mrs. *Sayer*. I think it my Duty, to declare, as I do, that ſuch Report is falſe.

As to the murthering Mr. *Sayer*, I do declare, that Mrs. *Salisbury*, or Mrs. *Sayer*, did not draw the Sword, with which I unfortunately kill'd him: Nor was either of them aiding, directing, or adviſing of ſuch Murther: Nor did either of them open the door, whereat I kill'd him; tho' the contrary hath been ſuggeſted to me by one of the Siſters of the Deceaſed.

I'm told, that 'tis reported I was married to Mrs. *Sayer* whilſt we were in the *Marſhalſea*, and that ſhe hath been with me, ſince my Condemnation. I do declare that ſuch Reports are falſe: And that I never was married to the ſaid Mrs. *Sayer*.

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As to what relates chiefly to my ſelf, Time won't permit my Saying ſo much as I intended.

I hope that my Dying Words may make a deep and ſenſible Impreſſion on the Minds of ſuch Perſons as may read this Paper, that ſuch as are going on in a Courſe of Sin, may be awaken'd from their Lethargy, and deterr'd from the Continuance, in, or Commiſſion of any known Sin againſt the Living God; but more eſpecially thoſe who have been Partners with me in my Sins.

I would not extenuate or palliate the Crime of Murther which I committed: Therefore muſt ſay, that though the Fact was committed under the greateſt Surpriſe, and without any premeditated Malice or Deſign by removing him out of the World, to have the freer Acceſs to his Wife (which gave me reaſonable hopes of my eſcaping the Juſtice of Human Laws) Yet I muſt own, that the Judgment of God, in bringing me to this deſerved and ſhameful Death, is very juſt; and I do declare, that I never had, nor ever knew that Mrs. *Salisbury*, Mrs. *Sayer*, and Mrs. *Nevil*, or any of them, had any Deſign to kill Mr. *Sayer*, by Poiſon, or otherwiſe.

I have ſecretly and wilfully committed many great, and moſt heinous Sins againſt God, beſides that for which I am now to Dye. God ſuffered me to act thoſe Sins for ſeveral Years, without puniſhing me himſelf, or ſuffering me to fall under the Hand of human Laws. I had frequent Checks of Conſcience to recal and reſtrain me from committing further Sins; but I ſtifled or diverted thoſe good Thoughts, and continued the Practice of my beloved Sins with Pleaſure.

I indeed have made many Reſolutions to God of Repentance and Converſion, but ſoon broke thro' them, which is a great Aggravation of my Offences; and thoſe Sins, and thoſe Aggravations undoubtedly juſtly provoked God to ſuffer me to act that horrid Crime, for which I am now to Dye.

I heartily beg Pardon of the Relations of the Deceaſed, for the Injury done them by the Murder of Mr. *Sayer*.

I heartily beg Pardon of all others that I have injured by any ſecret or open Means.

I heartily forgive every Perſon that has done me any Injury; eſpecially thoſe who ſtrained their Conſciences to affect me on my Tryal. I pray God give them Grace to repent of thoſe and all other Sins; leſt by ſuch and other Provocations againſt God, they deſtroy both their Bodies and Souls.

I have had very good Help and Inſtructions from ſome Worthy *Divines*, and other good Chriſtians that have attended me ſince my Condem-

Condemnation; who have (I believe) done my Soul much good, for which I am very thankful; and may God have the Glory by it, and they their due Reward.

I have (ſince my Condemnation) occaſionally been under the utmoſt Diſorder and Perplexity, for having ſo many and ſuch great Sins to repent of in ſo ſhort a time; but as my Endeavors for a longer time have proved ineffectual, ſo I hope, that God Almighty will accept, in his great Mercy, that ſmall ſpace, which he, in his wiſe Providence, hath thought fit to allow me.

And whereas I have been told, that I was thought to be one of the Sect of the *Free-Thinkers*, I do utterly deny the ſame, and that I ever ſo much as read the Book Publiſhed by the *Free-Thinkers*.

Perhaps it may be obſerved, that this my Dying Speech, is not ſo pathetical as that which I ſpoke, when I received Sentence of Death. Then I was in hopes of preſerving my Life; but now being ſatisfyed to the contrary, my Thoughts are turned another way, (to wit) to make my Peace with my Conſcience and my God.

But as to the Truth of this my Dying Speech, I call God Almighty to witneſs, that I know not of the leaſt Falſity therein, as I hope for Eternal Salvation.

Richard Noble.

BEING under the Obligations uſual on thoſe, that receive Papers from Dying Perſons to be publiſhed, and having faithfully diſcharged our Truſt therein, We have found ſome other Reaſons to ſubjoin to it a further brief Relation of Mr. *Noble*'s Behaviour and Conduct, during the laſt Week of his Life, wherein we all frequently viſited him.

So far, as any or all of us, could poſſibly diſcern, or collect from his many Anſwers and Declarations, from his whole Diſcourſe, and the Tenor of his conſtant Devotion, He repented from the bottom of his Heart of the manifold and heinous Sins of his Life; That Crying Sin eſpecially for which he Dyed.

He profeſſed an unſhaken Belief of the Truth and Importance of the Chriſtian Religion, and a ſtedfaſt Faith in, and Relyance on the only atoning Merits of his Redeemer.

He was deſirous, and reſolute to dye in the Communion of the Church of *England*, and in perfect Charity with all the World; He appeared under a calm Reſignation to the Sovereign Will of God,

and not without increaſing Hopes of Pardon, as his Death approached nearer; to the very Article of which his Diſpoſition was ſuch as himſelf had often prayed for.

We pray to God, that theſe laſt Sentiments of his (who is cut off by the juſt Judgment both of God and Man, in the 28th Year of his Age) may have that happy and peculiar Effect, which, (next to his own Salvation) he conſtantly had in View; the Reclaiming thoſe in particular, (we mean) who have at any time, or in any manner, been Partners, or Aſſociates with him in Wickedneſs. We find this briefly hinted in his Paper; but we know, he thought on it frequently, and laboured much about it. We could produce Inſtances and Proofs of all we ſay: But we hope this general Account will ſuffice to anſwer the Importunity of ſome; and perhaps to ſilence the importunate Clamours of others, who have added very falſe, as well as needleſs Aggravations to his Guilt.

March. 30. 1713.

Thomas Cooke Ordinary of *Surrey* and Curate of *Kingſton.*
John Broughton M. A. Vicar of *Kingſton.*
F. Alex. L'Herondell Chaplain to one of Her Majeſty's Regiments

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Whereas ſeveral Ladies, Gentlewomen, and others of that Sex, in this Kingdom, have contracted an evil Habit of Body, wherein the vicious Humours, at firſt diſperſed thro' the Whole, come at length to be lodg'd in one part or another, and many times, for Cauſes too long here to be mentioned, are thrown down upon the Womb, occaſioning a dangerous Weakneſs in that Part, which being neglected, at laſt turns cancerous, and often proves fatal; This is to acquaint all ſuch as may have occaſion, that a certain and ſpeedy Relief is to be had from an experienc'd Midwife, living now at the Goldſmith's over againſt *Exeter Exchange* in the *Strand*, who lately perform'd a wonderful Cure upon a Lady at the *Bath*, after ſhe was given over by Phyſicians.